

MR. SCHULTZ'S CLASS

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6th grade math parents,

Another school year is upon us, and I am honored once again to be able to spend it here with the St. Mary's community. I am eager to begin the year by getting to know your wonderful sons and daughters in the 6th grade math class. Once again, we will be using the ***Prentice-Hall Math*** program this year as our primary text. It may be necessary for your son or daughter to review basic facts (multiplication) each night for short periods (5-10 minutes) until recall is automatic. This should help the year go smoothly. If you need materials, please ask. This should be an exciting year full of growth.

Our math program includes a rather involved online component to help you at home. I have gone through the different facets of this program and feel it may be helpful to some and potentially overwhelming to others. The back of this letter includes registration instructions and numbers if you'd like to check it out. One very useful part of this is an online textbook. For textbook assignments, students would not need to bring materials home because the assignments would be available online. Please share any positive or negative experiences with the online resource as it will be helpful to other users.

You are the most important part of your child's success so please remain involved. Ask questions, assist with homework when appropriate, and feel free to contact me. Homework should be between 15 and 30 minutes per night. If homework times are routinely going too long, let me know. Generally, I will not assign homework on the weekends. I can be reached by email or phone, both of which can be found at the bottom of this letter. Though I do value good communication, I don't always feel like inundating people with unnecessary information. Please contact me as often as you feel necessary. I don't mind getting email.

Finally, I want to assure you that I will honor the trust you have placed in me when you entrusted your child to me. Assisting parents in forming young lives is something I take very seriously. My expectations are very high and that may be construed as too tough at times. Through mutual support, your child will realize that we all have her/his best interest in mind. This will be a wonderful year. Let's celebrate together!

Blessings,

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